

SPORTS



CALENDAR OF SPORTS.

August 18—Racing at Kapiolani Park, 2 p. m.; 2:00 and 2:30 classes. Cricket practice at Makiki, 3 p. m. Football, Makiki against Kakaako, at old baseball ground, 3:30 p. m. R. O. Hall & Son against Punahou, at Punahou, 3:30 p. m. Shooting—first police team against second police team, at Iwilei range, 5 a. m. Honolulu Driving Association meeting at Hawaiian Hotel at 8 p. m. August 19—Cricket practice at Makiki, 4 p. m. Pedestrianism, Hille Ilma hatters' run, 7:30 p. m. August 20—Field day at Kapiolani Park, 10 a. m. August 21—Best races at Pearl Harbor, 10 a. m. August 22—Regatta Day. Shooting season opens. Oct. 28—Associated field day.

THE MYRTLE CLEARLY IS NOT IN CUP CLASS

Darfer B. Wilson, Trustee of the Trophy Gives His Opinions On Subject.

Mr. Darfer B. Wilson was one of the trustees of the Hawaiian Rowing and Yachting Association at the time that organization originally donated the Hawaiian Challenge Cup to be annually won by a certain class of Hawaiian yachts.

Being requested by T. W. Hobron for his opinion upon the subject of the challenge of the Myrtle to race for the cup, Mr. Wilson replied as follows:

In reply to your request for an opinion on the challenge by Geo. A. Crosier and H. H. Brotherton, owners of the yacht Myrtle, for a race under the auspices and over the prescribed course of the Hawaiian Rowing and Yachting Association for the Hawaiian Challenge Cup which you are now the present holder, I would say that the challenges admit that the Myrtle measures less than five tons, and, to comply with the conditions of the rules, they are willing to enter her under a measurement of five tons and to take time allowance accordingly. They admit further that the Myrtle measures less than five tons, she is under the rules for competing for the cup except with the consent of the owners of yachts that are eligible, and that reason they make the above concession and issue this challenge to you, the present holder of the cup, and to all eligible yachts.

I note that in your reply to them you state that "the deed of gift distinctly states that the boat to be eligible must be less than five tons, and I therefore believe that the intention of those who gave the cup was to permit the larger boats only to compete for this valuable trophy."

For the better information of all concerned, I herewith state the rules governing this particular point, as passed at a meeting of the said association held at the hall of the Boat Club June 28, 1899. Rule 1—All yachts competing for the Hawaiian Challenge Cup shall be owned exclusively by bona fide residents of the Hawaiian Islands.

Rule 2—Any yacht so owned, over five tons and over ten tons measurements, may compete for the cup, provided that the limitation shall not apply to yachts built in Hawaiian waters and that enter the race this year.

Resolution—That this association does hereby appropriate the sum of \$25 for the purpose of purchasing a silver cup to be annually under the auspices of this association by yachts of the dimensions specified in this meeting, and that the said cup shall be owned and controlled by the Hawaiian Challenge Cup Association, which shall be composed of the following committee, who shall have the authority for the safekeeping of said cup: C. B. Wilson, J. M. Dowsett, C. J. Jones, W. M. Giffard.

out the cup being involved, if you choose so to do. C. B. WILSON, Chairman Regatta Committee and Trustee for Hawaiian Challenge Cup.

SUGGESTED CUP FOR THE SMALLER YACHTS

Lorrin A. Thurston Favors Differentiation Between Large And Small Boats.

Editor Advertiser: Referring to the challenge of the owners of the yacht Myrtle to T. W. Hobron to race the Myrtle against the Eva for the Hawaiian Challenge Cup, there does not seem to be any possibility of questioning the fact that the donors of the cup imposed conditions which absolutely prohibit the Myrtle or any other yacht under five tons in size from competing therefor.

From the published correspondence, the owners of the Myrtle appear to think that they have a grievance against Mr. Hobron for not waiving the condition, and also to think that there is no reason, if they are willing to give the time allowance which would have to be given by a five-ton yacht, why they should be barred from competing.

It is probable that the owners of the Myrtle do not know the conditions under which the cup was donated. My distinct recollection of the reason for the donation of the cup is as follows:

For a number of years prior to the donation of the cup there had been a number of small sailing yachts in Honolulu, but with the exception of the Healan, owned by King Kakaako, there were no racing yachts over about five tons in size at that time. It was desired to secure the building of yachts of a larger type, and in order to encourage this type of boat, this expensive cup was provided. As the immediate consequence of this decision, the Hawaii was built in Honolulu and the Healan and Spray were brought to Honolulu from San Francisco. However valuable and interesting the smaller type of yacht may be, it seems to me sound policy to differentiate between the yachts of the larger and smaller type.

The small, "one-man" yachts of the Myrtle class have come into much favor recently, and deservedly so, although they do not at all cover the uses to which a larger yacht can be put, as the latter can be used for cruising, with sleeping and camping accommodations on board, which the smaller yachts cannot furnish.

I think it would be a good thing for sport if a challenge cup could be provided for the smaller boats of the yachting fleet, to be held under the same perpetual conditions as now attach to the Hawaiian Challenge Cup, and I hope that such a trophy can be provided.

LORRIN A. THURSTON.

DUCK SHOOTING IN DIAMOND HEAD CRATER

A Trip in Former Days Rewarded by a Bag of Thirty-Seven Birds.

The boys had planned a trip from Honolulu to the duck ponds, but they invited such a number of fellows that I decided to take a jaunt alone, for I had an idea of my own that I wanted to put to the test.

A few days before I had ridden out to Diamond Head, a picturesque and long-extinguished crater which stands near the shore about six miles from Honolulu. In a spirit of investigation I had left my horse with a friendly Chinese farmer and climbed the steep sides to get a look at the interior of the crater. It is, I should judge, from a mile to a mile and a half in diameter, and the descent inside is, if anything, steeper and rugged than the outside slope. The season had been rather wet, and on the day of my exploration I made a discovery. When I reached the rim of the crater and looked in, I saw the shine of water about three-quarters of the way toward the opposite side. The rain had formed a shallow pond in the hollow of the crater, the rest being rough, broken ground, covered thickly with grass and underbrush. Floating on the pond were many dark, small objects which could be nothing but ducks.

I had indeed made a find, but I had no gun with me. I decided to interview those ducks as soon as possible, for although the crater's interior was very rarely visited, except by an occasional tourist of an exploring turn of mind, I didn't want anyone to get in ahead of me. So, on the day the boys set off, I saddled my horse, packed up a lunch, and, with Dan, an excellent retriever, set out for Diamond Head. The day was fine and the ride a beautiful one, down Nuuanu valley and out along picturesque King street. On the left towered cloud-capped mountains, broken at regular intervals by Pali, Mauna and Paullua valleys, and the Punchbowl in its dismounted cannon peering down at the town. On the right the road was lined with palms, with here and there a banana patch assiduously attended by Chinamen with huge, mushroom-shaped hats and bare legs.

After a brisk canter I took the road to Waikiki beach, from which direction the roar of the surf was already audible. Co-roak palm trees, which antedate the memory of the oldest inhabitant by a century and more, line the coast, growing straight and tall, despite the weight of years, and looking for all the world like extremely long-handled feather dusters. Riding through beautiful Kapiolani Park, with its trees shaded by magnificent all-its trees and spanned by pretty little bridges, I came to the open beach. A party of natives squatted on the ground mending a fish net gave me a pleasant greeting by way of salutation. As I passed, I rode along the coast for a little while, putting up a lonely plover here and there; then, turning inland, skirted the

base of the Head for a short distance. Coming at last to a shady patch of mimosa, I dismounted and tethered my horse. With Dan at my heels I climbed to the rim of the crater, crawled cautiously through a rift and looked toward the place where I had seen the pond a few days before. No water was visible but I could see ducks uneasily flapping and settling back again; so, keeping under cover, I made my way down to the comparatively level ground inside the crater and proceeded toward the now invisible pond.

I found the pond was surrounded on all sides by "kikania" bushes ten or twelve feet high. This detestable plant bears about the nastiest, ugliest, thorny burr in creation, and the ground under the bushes was covered with them. They are awful things to get in a dog's hair, and I looked at Dan's coat and hesitated, wishing I had left him behind. It was tough work, for the bushes made a belt more than a hundred feet wide, and I had to go on hands and knees.

I could hear a babel of quacking and gobbling, and at last when the stalks became thinner I knew I was at the inner edge of the cover, after cautioning the dog I slowly and noiselessly showed aside some of the brush in front and peered out. Ye gods! what a sight! I had seen ducks in quantities before, where they were so thick that pothunters would knock over from fifty to a hundred with that beastly invention, a swivel, but never have I seen so many crowded together in one spot as there were in that little pond.

The water covered about two acres but there wasn't a square foot of it visible; and the edges were lined with waddlers paddling around in the mud, unable to get even a sight of water. Occasionally an uneasy duck arose and settled again, and so thick was the huddling mass of his fellows that he had to literally crowd them apart to get back to the water again. Imagine my feelings with this congregation before my eyes and the realization that I was at least eighty-five yards from the nearest duck. The cover ended where I was, the rest of the ground being as bare as my hand. The water had originally extended to the edge of the cover, but gradually dried up.

My gun was a twelve gauge and wouldn't do much execution at that distance. I had but one alternative and I took it. I dashed through the cover, rushed toward the water's edge and blazed away with both barrels. What a roar from the multitude of wings and what a flapping and fanning of the air! They were so huddled together that they could not all rise at once, and many, confused and hampered by their fellows, fell back into the water more than once, and it was some time before the last had taken wing.

Bang! bang! went the gun as fast as I could jam in the cartridges. Spat! spat! splash! they fell, one big sprig coming down squarely on top of my head. When

the air had cleared and the last of that feathered host disappeared over the edge of the crater, I gazed on the scene of battle. Several wounded ducks were in the water with Dan in hot pursuit, and one or two others I stopped just in time to prevent their escaping into the "kikania" bushes. When Dan had retrieved all the birds in sight and brought out three from the bushes, I took count of the slain. There were thirty-seven in all—nineteen "native" ducks, ten "Norwests," five spoonbills and three sprigs. A good many of these had only been wounded and it took lots of work to get them all together. As it was, a few got into the bushes and were lost. Dan's coat being by this time so full of burrs that I didn't want him to chase after any more of them.

Near the edge of the pond on the opposite side, I saw an old rotten tree trunk, and as this was the only available cover anywhere near the water, I made the dog lie down beside me behind it and pulled some dead "kikania" bushes over us, making a blind good enough for any ducks except sprig, which are as wary as wild geese. I hoped there would be sportmen at some of the ponds down below, and that they would drive some of the ducks back, but I waited a long time before any more appeared. Finally, just as I was about to give up, satisfied with the bag I had already made, a bunch of teal wandered in and I potted two of them. Then another long wait and four sprigs came over the crater's edge. My cover wasn't good enough for them, and after circling around the pond, out of range, they took themselves off the way they had come. Soon after a large flock of plover came in from the seashore, and as they passed right in front of me I knocked down eight with two barrels.

For an hour and a half no more birds appeared, but two little ducks, species unknown, lit at long range. I was too hasty and missed both, and the lucky little fellows vanished over the edge. Just as it was getting dark six teal flew across the water, and I downed the fall-ender. I didn't want to pick my way over the bushes, and I followed the tired and burdened Daniel, reached my horse just as the short twilight of the tropics settled into night.

Those were the only birds I ever shot in Diamond Head. The next time I visited it I found the pond had dried up entirely, and though I paid it several other visits the following year I only saw ducks once, and then only a bunch of about half a dozen. The cover was so poor I wasn't

lucky enough to get a shot. I disposed myself behind the log as before, but not another bird appeared that day.

H. D. COUZENS.

DRIVING ASSOCIATION TO HAVE RACE TRACK

Permission Given to Honolulu Horse Lovers To Use Kapiolani Park.

A meeting of the Kapiolani Park Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the office of L. A. Thurston. The object of the meeting was to act on the application of the Honolulu Driving Association to be permitted to use the race track for the purpose of bringing off races under the Association's auspices.

The following were present: Cecil Brown, chairman; L. A. Thurston, secretary, and A. Cunha.

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late among athletes, the field day next month will undoubtedly be a huge success.

The Maile Ilma Athletic Club's running team were out on the road last Wednesday evening to the number of nine. The course pursued was from the corner of Vineyard and Emma streets, up Emma street to Punchbowl, then by way of Pauoa to Nuuanu, and thence home. The men ran fairly well considering that it was the first time out, and all finished the same starting point every Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

It is intended to run a series of club races on ensuing Saturday afternoons at the Kapiolani Park track.

A recent arrival in town challenges any one to run him fifty yards for \$100. Address correspondence to this office.

THE CRICKET GAME IS AGAIN DELAYED

Honolulu and Davies Elevens Fail Again To Make a Match for This Afternoon.

The much postponed game between the Honolulu Cricket Club and Theo. Davies & Co. has once again been held over. This by official count is the ninth postponement and probably constitutes a record in the line of historic delays.

Yesterday afternoon the teams were picked and the game seemed assured, but at the last moment Davies' team decided that the present hot weather was unhealthy to play cricket in and that it would be cooler on the other side of the island. The following were chosen to represent the Honolulu Cricket Club: Messrs. R. Anderson, W. L. Stanley, R. A. Jordan, J. W. Harvey, J. L. Cockburn, A. Battersby, O. St. John Gilbert, J. G. Waldron, J. F. Fianalis, L. Parish and D. W. Anderson (captain).

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W. S. Withers, manager of the Honolulu Yacht-Club, of Honolulu, purchased a team of trotters for a gentleman in the islands which for beauty, style, color, conformation and gait can hardly be excelled in any part of the country. They are by L. W. Russell, son of Stamboul, out of standard-bred mares and are called Ulster Russell and Cricket Russell. They were purchased from Messrs. H. and G. Pierce of the celebrated Santa Rosa Stock Farm, and the price paid was \$1,000.

The San Francisco Evening Post of July 31st contained the following interesting paragraphs: General Cronje (formerly Coast Range), a half brother to Mary Black and Kinley Mosch, has won several good races around Honolulu, and is considered one of the island crackerjacks. J. R. Wilson of Hilo is his owner. Henry Forsland bought General Cronje as a yearling for \$800, and after he had been badly treated by the people in whose charge he was left, he was sold to Mr. Wilson for \$20.

William Cunningham, a prominent Honolulu horseman, is here to take in the California circuit.

Well! well! who'd have thought it! Poor old Cronje, the winner of several good races around Honolulu, and an island crackerjack to boot! What a horse-laugh the poor old cripple would give vent to, could he but read! Billy Cunningham has certainly visited the sporting editor's sanctum. It is to laugh!

This afternoon at 3 o'clock at Kapiolani Park, Dr. Monsarrat's Charlie, C. Bellina's Lady Lightfoot, Sam Decker's Bones and C. H. Judd's Pat will race the best two heats out of three for a purse. About 3:30 p. m. Prince David's Morocco, C. Bellina's Sadie, C. H. Judd's Mongoose and another will commence a similar argument. Owners will drive. The horses are evenly matched and visitors to the track this afternoon will be amply repaid for their journey by witnessing excellent sport.

A pole race is being arranged for next Saturday afternoon.

For the benefit of an enquirer, Libertine is a bay horse, aged, by Leonatus, out of Falaise. He is owned by Galen Brown.

Larry Dee will turn Albert M. out at the end of the month, if he can find nothing for his horse to do before then.

A hul is being formed to race Antidote against Aggravation at a mile and a half. Henry Vieira is the moving spirit. George Andrews, who owns Antidote, refuses to lease him, however, and wants to sell him outright. Meanwhile Tom Hollinger jangles 500 simoleons in his jeans and says: "When they get the money they may talk to me—so they may."

Charlie and Mongoose look like a good double for this afternoon.

TWO GAMES OF BALL TO COME OFF TODAY

Makikis and Kakaako and Hall and Sons and the Punahou Teams.

A game of baseball will be played at Punahou this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock between the following teams:

Hall & Son—Willkoki, c.; H. Kaai, p.; E. H. Paris lb.; A. Louis, 2b.; J. Akina, 3b.; Kiwa, ss.; Mahoe, rf.; S. D. Koki, cf.; J. Aylett, lf.

Punahou—A. Marcellino, c.; A. Castle, p.; W. Wright, lb.; J. Marcellino, 2b.; C. Cooke, 3b.; F. Wright, ss.; J. Clark, lf.; W. Ahean, rf.; H. Cruzan, cf.

At the old baseball ground at Makiki teams representing Kakaako and Makiki will play ball, commencing at 3:30 p. m. Following are the teams and positions:

Kakaako—J. Akina, c.; H. Defries, p.; D. Kahalelele, lb.; L. Kanekoa, 2b.; J. M. Iao, 3